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The Honorable Bill Corboy
The Township of West Amwell
150 Rocktown-Lambertville Road
Lambertville, NJ 08530-3509

Re: West Amwell Township Petition for Initial Plan Endorsement

Dear Mayor Corboy:

Thank you for your continued participation and dedication to the Initial Plan Endorsement process. As we have discussed, the Office of Smart Growth (OSG) and the state agencies would like to continue working with your community to achieve Initial Plan Endorsement from the State Planning Commission through an agreed-upon extension of time and Action Plan.

Enclosed please find a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Action Plan. The MOU, as authorized by the State Planning Commission, and upon execution by the Township governing body, allows for an extension of the time periods contemplated by the State Planning Rules, by the Township's commitment to work toward Initial Plan Endorsement through an agreed-upon Action Plan.

The enclosed Action Plan includes required tasks that the Office of Smart Growth and our state agency partners need to make a recommendation of consistency with the State Plan to the State Planning Commission. The Action Plan reflects items that have been discussed in meetings and in our consistency review. The Action Plan establishes timelines for completion and evaluation of the identified tasks. Please note that the extension is contingent upon the Township's compliance with the Action Plan, MOU and the Township's good faith efforts to progress towards achieving Initial Plan Endorsement.

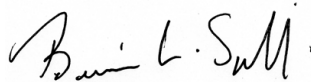
In order to take advantage of this extension, I request that the Township authorize the enclosed MOU and Action Plan by resolution at a public meeting of the governing body, within 60 days of receipt of this letter, by May 15, 2008.



Finally, as we have also discussed, OSG is currently working to revise and strengthen the Plan Endorsement process. As West Amwell Township has already submitted a petition for Initial Plan Endorsement, once the new process is in place, you will have the option of either completing Initial Plan Endorsement or participating in the new Plan Endorsement process.
The Honorable Bill Corboy

Thank you again for your continued participation in the Initial Plan Endorsement process. I would like to assure you that this process will produce a meaningful plan for your community. Please feel free to contact me or Barry Ableman, Principal Planner for Hunterdon County (e-mail: bableman@dca.state.nj.us or telephone: 609-292-3228) with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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